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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN BRIEFING ON US-UK INITIATIVE

1. THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN DAR ES SALAAM REPORTS THAT ON AUGUST 31 FOREIGN MINISTER KADUMA BRIEFED THE NORDIC AMBASSADORS ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE US-UK INITIATIVE AND PRESIDENT NYERERE'S PLANS TO MEET WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN NATIONALISTS. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ASSUMES THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR BRIEFINGS BUT CANNOT CONFIRM.

2. CONCERNING NAMIBIA, KADUMA SAID THAT US-UK PLANNING FORESAW A MEETING BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAPO IN GENEVA.

3. WITH REGARD TO RHODESIA, PRESIDENT NYERERE PREFERRED THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN AT PRESENT IN ORDER TO GIVE THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TIME TO MAKE THEMSELVES "MORE CREDI-

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TABLE." NEVERTHELESS, THE TANZANIAN PRESIDENT IS PREPARED

TO DO HIS PART AND WAS CALLING A MEETING OF THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND NATIONALIST LEADERS WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING UNITY.

4. KADUMA ALSO SAID THAT ANGOLA'S NETO AND SWAPO WOULD ATTEND THE MEETING, PRESUMABLY, THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER ADDED, TO DISCUSS NAMIBIA.

5. IN COMMENTING ON US-UK MOTIVES, KADUMA SAID THAT THE AMERICANS WERE PREOCCUPIED WITH THEIR ELECTIONS. THE UNITED STATES IS INTERESTED IN GETTING RID OF IAN SMITH AND HAVE WARNED IF NOTHING HAPPENS SOON A DELAY OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA COULD OCCUR. HE ADDED THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM FEARS SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE MILITARILY INVOLVED IN RHODESIA IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS SOON. (THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE POINTS OUT THAT THIS STATEMENT IS A MISREPRESENTATION OF WHAT ROWLANDS AND DUFF SAID WHILE THEY WERE IN DAR ES SALAAM.)

6. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO DISCUSSED THE FUTURE SHAPE OF A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT IN GENERAL TERMS. HE DESCRIBED THE UK'S REFUSAL TO RESUME COLONIAL RESPONSIBILITY. THE AIM OF THE UK, HE SAID, WAS THE INSTALLATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT, ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONALLY, WHICH REPRESENTED ALL NATIONALIST GROUPS. ONCE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WAS INSTALLED SANCTIONS COULD BE LIFTED.

7. KADUMA ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A BLACK MAJORITY RHODESIA AS WELL AS GUARANTEES FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

8. ACCORDING TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, KADUMA OPENED THE BRIEFING BY SAYING THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE WAS "ON THE

WHOLE VERY PLEASED BY THE ROGERS AND SCHAUFLE, ROWLANDS AND DUFF VISITS." THE HIGH COMMISSIONER COMMENTED THAT "THE GENERAL TONE OF THE BRIEFING AS REPORTED CONFIRMS THAT WHILE NYERERE MIGHT WISH TO DELAY A NEW RHODESIAN INITIATIVE, HE IS RECONCILED TO THE FACT THAT A NEW

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INITIATIVE WILL TAKE PLACE AND HE WILL PLAY HIS PART TO INSURE SUCCESS."

9. WE ARE ASKING AMBASSADOR SPAIN TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE NEWS OF NYERERE'S MEETING WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS BECOMES PUBLIC. ROBINSON

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